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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

UNDER the above caption the Nashville Argonaut refers to a communication in the last issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER which was written by Mr. Wiley Robbins, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Nash county. The Argonaut says:

"Among other things, that we will take especial pleasure in referring to in our next issue, we find this interesting assertion: 'I am a Republican and have been for twenty years. I have been claiming the same principles that the Farmers' Alliance is founded on.' We were surprised, as we did not know that the Farmers' Alliance had been founded on the same principles as the Republican party, and therefore looked for an insignificant denial from the publisher, but were disappointed.

"In another part of this paper we find 'Old Foggy,' whom we all know as the nom de plume of Col. Polk's private secretary, indulging in his usual abuse of ex-President Cleveland and his administration. We have no comments to make this week. We merely ask the Democrats of North Carolina, whether farmers or not, to watch the course of affairs very closely."

Well, what are you going to do about it, Mr. Argonaut? What does it mean? The Argonaut is disappointed because THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER did not make "an indignant denial" as to what Bro. Robbins wrote. To make a long story short, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is not responsible for the views of Bro. Robbins and Bro. "Foggy." This paper would not knowingly admit anything to its columns damaging to the people and the cause it represents. But it would have been a small thing indeed to have refused Bro. Robbins the privilege of saying in a letter "that he has been a Republican for twenty years and had been claiming the same principles that the Farmers' Alliance is founded on."

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER would give space for the editor of the Argonaut to say the same thing through its columns as a Democrat, and would allow any other citizen of Nash county to do the same, especially if he had been assailed as had Bro. Robbins by a newspaper. A majority of the white Republicans in this State belong to the Alliance and are strong supporters of this paper, and as such have the same right in its columns as our Democratic brethren.

We will put it in another light. The writer of this is a Democrat, and though he has not been old enough to vote either way long, yet he can claim to be as thoroughly imbued with the principles of Democracy as is Bro. Robbins with Republicanism, because he was raised that way. Well, the writer has, as a Democrat, been claiming the same principles that the Alliance is founded upon. Now what are you going to do about it? Aside from the high tariff ideas of the Republican party, (which are not approved by many voters in the party), its doctrines are very sound. The Democratic platform has some weak points, but in a general way it is all

right. The trouble is, neither of the parties carry out any of their promises. But they seldom fail to do several things which they did not promise to do. That is why we are after them."

"Old Foggy" is Col. Polk's secretary, but he is an independent writer and never borrows opinions. As a citizen of the United States he has a right to criticize the official acts of President Cleveland or President Harrison.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is not responsible for his views on such matters. Every week it gives room for communications from different writers in which they frequently criticize public officials. The Argonaut has either failed to make out any case or else we fail to see the points. He closes out his stock by saying: "We merely ask the Democrats of North Carolina, whether farmers or not, to watch the course of affairs very closely." Now, the Argonaut didn't know it was saying such a good thing then. That is Alliance doctrine in the pure. That is what THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has been advocating all the time. Yes, watch them closely. Be you Republican or Democrat, farmer or artisan, "watch the course of affairs very closely."

WE CAN'T PUBLISH THEM.

AFTER this week all communications recommending this or that man for office will be thrown into the waste basket. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has no contract to do so and will not undertake to publish all that may be sent in, and it would, to be fair to publish some and not all. A number of letters have been published in which somebody's fitness for some office has been mentioned incidentally. But hereafter they will not go in. Local papers who have only one county to serve have to charge for such things sometimes in self defence. We have 96 counties to look after, so you see the reason. We are alive to the fact that it is very important that care be exercised in selecting candidates, and we will do and say all we can in a general way to carry this out. But THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER can't afford to champion the cause of any man for office no matter how good he is. The people must wake up and make their own selections. We will aid in any way possible, but we can't publish the hundreds of endorsements that probably would be sent in.

POLITICAL NEWSPAPERS.

THE following from the Southern Alliance Farmer has the right ring. Our forefathers boycotted merchants and everything that stood in their way for success. We may have to follow suit:

"The farmers of Georgia have been supporting the newspapers of the State for all the years of their existence, and now that the farmers have determined to have a word to say about legislation, some of these papers are doing all in their power to wreck the order, and to besmirch the characters of such of its leaders as boldly assert the farmer's right to think and act for himself."

"There are several politicians in Georgia who have been fed upon public funds and who had no political life until it was given to them by the farmers, and now since they are expected to answer a few straight questions and do something for the farmers, turn and rend the very men who made them."

"All this is not entirely unlike another of Esop's Fables. A man once found a serpent which was stiff with cold, and pitying its distress, placed it in his bosom. When the serpent was warmed into life it turned and plunged its poisonous fangs into the breast which had restored it."

NEWSPAPERS AND NEWS-PAPERS.

THE earnest, eager, and intense desire for Alliance news induces newspaper reporters to draw at times largely on their imaginations. It was recently charged that the Alliance had sold out to the Democratic party. Within another day the charge was changed and it was, the leaders have sold out to the Republican party. Dr. Macune has been charged with hobnobbing with Senator Quay, while the truth is the two have never met. Major C. W. McClammy introduced a bill in the House on Tuesday, the 27th of May, authorizing the issue of legal-tenders for schools and other purposes based on the lands of the States. Newspaper reporters said the Alliance had changed base; that they had abandoned the Sub-Treasury bill, etc. Had they known anything of the Alliance they would have known that the Alliance, through its leaders, could not abandon the Sub-Treasury bill—the Supreme Council only could change its base. They charged that Col. Polk had written the bill, whereas Col. Polk had not yet returned from his official trip in the Southwest, and the first he knew of the bill was when shown it in the Record.

It simply shows the desperate straits to which politicians and political newspapers are put to when they are forced to manufacture from the whole cloth such statements.

WHAT YOU MAY EXPECT.

IN addition to all the news through out the State and country, editorials and Alliance items, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER contains letters every week from many intelligent correspondents in this and other States. Many of these contributions are very valuable. In the next few months our columns will be chock full of good things. Prof. Gerald McCarthy, of the N. C. Experiment Station, has begun a series of papers concerning noxious insects which, judging by the two articles printed up to this time, will be interesting and valuable. During the summer Prof. John F. Crowell, D. D., President of Trinity College, will write a series of articles on political economy. It is unnecessary to say that they will be highly instructive. Another thing will be a series of articles on the Railroad Commission and its advantages, by prominent gentlemen in Georgia. These articles will show the workings of the State Railroad Commission in that State and will be written especially for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We will also publish articles from the pens of Prof. W. F. Massey, of the N. C. A. & M. College, Dr. H. B. Battle, Ph. D., of the N. C. Experiment Station, and other prominent agricultural writers. From this it may be inferred that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is going up step by step, and will strive to leave nothing undone that will benefit, instruct or entertain its readers. Let all of its friends increase their efforts to extend its circulation. Every Alliance should appoint some one to take subscriptions, and every Sub-Alliance in the State should send from two to twenty or more subscribers than they now have. Get three or six months subscribers if you can't get them for a year. We know that money is scarce, and made this offer some time ago, and many have taken advantage of it. You will miss a great deal if you fail to read the paper this summer, and it is too cheap to borrow. Did you know that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is going to have 25,000 subscribers by the first of January, 1891? Well, it is so. Nothing will prevent it but a crop failure, and we hope that will not occur.

PAY YOUR MONEY AND TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

The following is copied from the Greenville Reflector:

"In a few months it will be in order to make nominations for Congress and for our State Legislature; and all over the State there is an anxiety and a conjecture as to the course of the Alliance in this important matter. There are men belonging to the order who would drag it down to the lower level of politics, that is they would use it to advance their personal ambitions by helping them to places which they cannot obtain upon their own merits. The great body of the organization we hope will work to place it on the higher plane and thus keep it clear and free from the difficulties into which selfish designing men, if followed, are sure to lead it. The Democratic party is made up very largely of the farmers of the State, and as these compose the Alliance it is possible for the Alliance to control the party conventions and to dictate their nominations. This is a great power to be lodged in the hands of a secret organization. If it is wisely and patriotically used no harm can come of it, but if it shall be directed by designing men for selfish purposes evil must come both to the Alliance and to the party."

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ONE.

THE Kinston Free Press of last week says it is in favor of a railroad commission. It says:

"A lot of 110 barrels of flour consigned to several firms in Kinston last week was shipped by the Old Dominion line which connects here by the steamer Kinston. The water was too low for the steamer to come up so the agent of the O. D. line turned the flour over to the A. & N. C. R. R. at New Berne, as that was the only way under the circumstances to send it forward to its destination. Superintendent Dill, of the A. & N. C. R. R., refused to make any deduction from the local rate to Kinston, which refusal may or may not be just and proper, and which phase of the matter we do not propose to discuss. What we do propose to discuss is the outrageous discrimination against local points."

"The freight from Norfolk to Kinston on flour by the O. D. line is 22 cents a barrel; by the E. C. E. line, which connects with Kinston by the A. & N. C. R. R., it is 24 cents a barrel. The local rate from New Berne to Kinston is 25 cents a barrel or actually one cent a barrel more than to bring it all the way from Norfolk to New Berne, transfer it and then bring it over the same road to Kinston. We understand that a longer haul can be made cheaper in proportion than a shorter haul, but when a long haul is made over the same line cheaper in total than a shorter haul, then no sort of excuse or argument can be made to prove other than that an injustice is done."

We do not know how the Free Press has been heretofore in regard to a

commission, but this is such a plain case that it speaks out in meeting. It is high time that more papers should begin to champion the cause of the people. The Interstate law is either of no value or not enforced. These freight discriminations have been carried on for years and will never get justice until the commission is established. Now a long pull, a steady pull, and we will get it this year. But we won't do it if we put professional men and broken-down politicians in our legislative halls. If you send any professional men be sure they are of true grit.

WE WERE IN EARNEST.

THE Press and Carolinian wants to know if we were really in earnest when we said in an editorial a week or two ago that it was "nobody's business whether a farmer worked hard and systematically or not." Of course we were. Why not? THE Press and Carolinian wants to know if a rich man cannot sit down in town and enjoy his wealth and still not be a tax on the farmers. Why, certainly he can. But it depends on the way he made that wealth. If he made it by hard work and economy, then it is his. If he made it by stuyling up schemes to fleece the farmers, or by any questionable methods, such as the very wealthy generally employ, then he is resting upon the proceeds of somebody else's toil. But it is not always the rich that do the resting act in towns. A great many town people work as hard as the farmers, and no doubt a few stick closer to it. But we were advancing the argument that there are as many loafers in town as there are in the country, and up to this time the assertion has not been contradicted.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

* Savannah, Georgia, had a \$100,000 fire Friday.

* Our patrons will confer a favor upon us by saying that they saw advertisement in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER when writing to advertisers.

* There was another railroad horror Friday. A train on the Oakland narrow gauge, near San Francisco, California, rushed into an open drawbridge. Thirty people were drowned.

* Bro. W. A. Darden has commenced a canvass of the First Congressional district and will publish a list of appointments soon. Bro. Darden will make things hum where he goes.

* THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has promised to look after several things for the brethren. All can't be done at one time and some things are not ripe yet. At the proper time we expect to make it hot for some certain people.

* W. A. Styles, a sub-contractor on the Roanoke and Southern Railroad has decamped leaving debts to the amount of \$16,000. The debts were for lumber and other things used in building bridges. He is said to be a native of Kansas City, Mo.

* A Charlotte man who had invested in a nicker in the slot machine which hands out a cigar, opened it a few days ago and found 48 car seals which had been beaten out and put in instead of nicksles. The small boys had been getting some cheap cigars.

* Deputy Sheriff E. L. Henry, of Buncombe county, one of the solid young Alliance men of the West, was in the city last week, he having brought a prisoner to the penitentiary. He says the Alliance is in a fine condition in that part of the State. The mountain boys are always solid.

* Mr. J. Turner Morehead, of the Leaksville Woolen Mills, was in Raleigh a few days ago and remarked that his advertisement in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER had brought letters from every county in the State. Unless you want to do a big business, never put an advertisement in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

* The township primary convention of Cabarrus county were held Saturday the 24th and resulted in a complete victory for S. B. Alexander for Congress. Col. Paul B. Means of that county was the opponent of Alexander and had made a vigorous campaign against him. The vote was: 262 for Col. Means and 702 for Capt. Alexander.

* Any parties having good farms or vineyards, will please confer with or write to us. The associate editor of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is a stranger in a strange land, and would like for you to make the first advances. Where good farms are near each other we would not object to giving some account of two or three in the same article. We will try to go to any farm where we can go and return the same day by rail or otherwise.

* The party organs continue to deal out little doses of resting powders to the farmers. They tell them they must keep very quiet during the summer; that any little exercise on their part might prove fatal. It is all well enough to listen to the advice of first-class physicians, but quacks kill more people than they cure. Show them that you know something about your own physical and financial condition, brethren.

WOODLAND STOCK FARM.

A Visit to the Jersey Farm of Messrs. W. G. & B. J. Upchurch.

Their Herd was the First of those Celebrated, Cattle Brought into this State—Some Account of Their Dairying Operations.

Messrs. W. G. & B. J. Upchurch are brothers. They are natives of Wake county. Their stock farm is owned jointly and consists of 600 acres, lying four miles from Raleigh, in a southwest direction, immediately on the highway known as the Asylum road.

Five hundred acres of their farm is in cultivation. This season they have 125 acres planted in cotton. This land has been in clover and with a good season will make an average of a bale to the acre. They have 75 acres in wheat and 75 in oats and about 50 acres in corn. About 75 acres in grass and clover, the balance in pasturage. All of these crops are in fine condition except the wheat. It will be nearly a failure.

On this farm they have at present a herd of 65 registered Jersey bulls, milk cows and calves. But they sell calves every year. Have sold as far South as Alabama and North as far as New York.

The Messrs. Upchurch have at different times bought animals from the first strains in the country. They bought three calves in Philadelphia at one time for which they paid \$900. The first cattle bought was from the celebrated Carrollton Jersey farm in the State of Maryland. At present the leader of the herd is "Jersey King," a magnificent bull, son of "Farmers' Glory." His mother was "Violet," a fine English cow. The herd is composed of strains from "Stoke Pogis," "Farmers' Glory," "Rox," "Champion of America," "Roter" and "Commassa."

The Messrs. Upchurch believe in pure water, and at considerable cost have constructed a large reservoir at the cattle barn into which pure water is conveyed day and night by means of two hydraulic rams which are fixed in a spring of fine water so the only cost was the original price paid for them.

The dairy is conveniently situated and the water supply is from a good spring, the temperature of the water being about 62 degrees. They have an experienced dairyman who understands the business thoroughly, he having had years of experience on dairy farms in Central New York.

At present they are milking 25 cows. The best one, "Rosa Stella," averages six gallons of very rich milk per day. A number of the cows are young, consequently don't give great quantities of milk. The general average is five gallons per day. Owing to the distance from Raleigh, it does not pay to bring milk to the city to sell it. The milk is fed to calves and pigs. Two hundred and fifty dollars worth of pigs have been sold at good prices from the farm since the first of March. There are about twenty persons on the farm to be fed, but in addition to what butter they use, 3,475 pounds has been sold from the farm since the first of January up to the first of June. During the past twelve months the Dairy averaged 440 pounds of fine butter to each cow milked. These, of course, were mature cows, heifers are not included.

Now some people might be disposed to criticize the yields of milk from these fine cows. But it won't do. We have some very excellent cows of the common order in our State, but they will not bring to average as much butter for an entire herd as will the Jerseys. The milk of the Jersey cow is nearly twice as rich as that of the native cow. She may not give more in quantity, but the quality is so much better so far as butter is concerned.

Woodland Stock Farm is another proof that clover will grow on any kind of soil found throughout the hilly sections of our State and country. This farm would have been considered a poor ridge farm, but clover was started in a small way and by degrees it has been enriched. The man who raises clover will have good stock, he just can't help it. Clover is good for all domestic animals. Don't undertake to begin with a large field. If you are a small farmer, sow a quarter of an acre and make it rich. Almost any land that will produce good cotton will bring clover. We repeat that if you raise clover you will have good stock. If you have stock you will have manure. If you have these things your account with merchants will not be so large for you are apt to raise your own meat. There is more clear money in an acre of clover than in an acre of cotton. The clover will enrich the soil; cotton will make it poor. Clover will save hilly land while cotton puts it in a condition to wash away.

We are truly glad to know that there has been great strides forward in this matter in our State in the last two or three years. There is five times as much land in clover. Only a small portion of our farmers have bought goods through the Alliance Business Agency up to this time, and yet for a good many days this spring the agency ordered as much as forty and fifty bushels of clover seed per

day, besides what was sold by local dealers throughout the State. This matter ought to be discussed in every Sub-Alliance regularly. Reforms should begin at home. Our farmers must get out of the old ruts themselves and not waste all of their strength in pushing other people out. If our farmers will show that they are in earnest they can accomplish other undertakings more easily. But we are learning a good deal and are bound to claim that the Alliance has been a great factor in this progress.

The resolutions passed by Wake County Alliance last week were set up for last week's paper, but in making up the forms all the matter could not be crowded in and they were left out unintentionally. They were given to the daily papers of the city, however, and have been circulated in this paper. They will be found in this paper.

JOURNALISTIC.

What the Knights of the Quill are Doing.

The Morganton Herald, a very excellent paper, has enlarged from a seven column to an eight column paper. We are glad to note evidence of its prosperity.

The Fayetteville Observer has been changed from a twenty eight to a thirty two column paper, an evidence of growing prosperity and popularity, upon which we congratulate Bro. Whitehead, who is publishing one of the best papers of the State.

The Southern Farmer, successor of the North Carolina Farmer, which is the oldest agricultural paper in the State, has become a weekly paper. Mr. J. H. Ennis, who has had years of experience, will continue to be editor, and his brother, Mr. P. C. Ennis, assumes the business management. The first issue is well printed and filled with good reading matter. The Southern Farmer deserves, and no doubt will have, a large patronage.

The unveiling of the Lee monument at Richmond last week was a great occasion. Thousands of people were present and everything was done in fine order. One of the prettiest of the many pretty sights to be seen was a little girl about six years old perched on top of the roof of a porch on Franklin street. The child was completely enveloped in a long dress made of a Confederate flag, and the brownish golden curls falling about the little one's shoulders, framed her pretty face, and made a charming picture.

THE ISSUE.

The issue is clearly defined between those who favor and those who oppose the sub-treasury law. No quibbling over detail will serve now as a blind to cover up or direct attention from the principles involved. The advocates of the measure have offered to yield any of the details, and they thereby force the issue upon the principles involved. This is bound to divide the disputants upon a clear and well defined line of friendship to farming and producing interests, those feeling such friendship being advocates of the measure, and those who do not, opposing it. For this reason, agriculture is to day the least prosperous branch of industry, because it is discriminated against. The proof that it is discriminated against is that under the present system of maintaining an even volume of money throughout the year, regardless of the demand, there is a great relative scarcity or fluctuation in volume at the season in which agriculture must exchange the products of its labor for money. This relative fluctuation works against the farmer, because it depresses prices when he is compelled to buy; and on the other hand it discriminates in favor of the exploiting class, because it depresses prices when they buy, and augments them when they are ready to sell. This discrimination against productive pursuits must be stopped, or it must not! That is the issue. The affirmative will be those who are engaged in productive pursuits, and a few unselfish and patriotic statesmen. The negative will be everything else. Arguments will be made by men who claim to be friendly to the true interests of the country as to detail of practicality, legality, and other details which if they are truly in earnest about being friendly, they had better offer to improve on, by showing some better way of securing the principle, than to make any technical detail an excuse for an active opposition to the bill. Such tactics will not longer do. The people are too intelligent and will certainly understand the animus of those who fight this measure, in spite of their sophistry.—National Economist

Bro. William H. Witherspoon writes from Orion Alliance, No. 1,800, Ashe county, to say that they have good material in their Alliance and now have 100 males on roll and 12 females; that they have worked up nearly all of the good material in the community; that they intend to select only good men as candidates this summer. Bro. Witherspoon has our thanks for a club of three subscribers.